



## **MINUTES**

**Regular Commission Meeting  
The Cygnet Theatre, 6663 El Cajon Blvd.  
Suite N, San Diego, CA 92115  
Friday, February 22, 2008**

### **Commissioners Present**

Colette Carson-Royston, Chair  
Claire Anderson  
Garet Clark  
Joyce Gattas  
Robert Gleason  
Bennett Peji  
Victoria Reed  
Randy Robbins  
Lorin Stewart

### **Commissioners Absent**

Courtney Ann Coyle  
Tom Di Zinno  
Dea Hurston  
Lewis Klein  
Aida Mancillas  
Judy McDonald

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Chair Colette Carson Royston called the regular meeting of the City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture (Commission) to order at 8:35 a.m.

### **I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Chair Colette Carson Royston welcomed Commission members, staff and guests to the meeting. Colette thanked the staff at Cygnet Theatre for hosting the meeting. She introduced Councilmember Jim Madaffer who thanked the Commissioners for their outreach made within his district and talked about funding issues and other City matters.

### **II. CHAIR'S REPORT**

#### **A. Approval of Minutes**

A **made a motion was made** to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2007 regular meeting of the City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture. **The motion carried.**

#### **B. Committee Assignments**

Chair Colette Carson Royston reported on the committee assignments that were distributed to the Commissioners. Joyce Gattas **made a motion** to approve the committee assignments. Randy Robbins seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **C. Announcements**

Colette reported that Mayor Sanders sent out a press release announcing the appointment of Joanne Hayakawa to the Commission and the reappointment of Commissioners Claire Anderson, Courtney Ann Coyle, Lewis Klein, Aida Mancillas and Lorin Stewart, with terms ending August 31, 2009. She said that these appointments are not official until approved by the City Council.

#### **D. Soul of San Diego Report**

Colette gave an update on the Soul of San Diego Report. She announced that the Balboa Park Cultural Partnership (BPCP) will host a gathering on February 29, 2008 to discuss the newly-released Balboa Park Study.

### **III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

#### **A. Announcements**

**1. Creative Communities San Diego (CCSD) Update** - Victoria Hamilton reported that no appeals were filed by Creative Communities San Diego (CCSD) applicants.

**2. After-the-Fires Relief Fund Update** - Victoria announced that Americans for the Arts has authorized \$20,000 in relief funding for arts and culture victims of the recent San Diego fires. The Commission, in partnership with the San Diego Foundation, sent out surveys to artists and arts and culture organizations and will work together to administer and regrating of these funds.

**3. California Arts Council (CAC) Grant Update** – Victoria announced that the Commission has received the highest ranking of a model program, on the FY08 California Arts Council (CAC) State/Local Partnership grant application. The Commission will receive \$9,375.

**4. Cultural Tourism Summit** - Victoria announced that the 2008 San Diego Cultural Tourism Summit III: Know It and Grow It is scheduled for Wednesday, March 12, 2008, 3:00-5:00 p.m. at the San Diego Natural History Museum.

### **IV. PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE REPORT**

#### **A. Approve Public Art Committee Member Appointments**

Lorin Stewart **made a motion** to appoint Michael Krichman to a second and final term on the Public Art Committee to begin, retroactively, in January 2008. Claire Anderson seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **B. 2007 Public Art Program Year in Review**

This agenda item was continued to a subsequent Commission meeting.

Randy Robbins announced that he appointed Victoria Reed as the Commission's representative to the Port's Signature Art Community Advisory Committee and that her role is to provide visual art expertise and ensure that the Commission's conditions for support of the project are considered.

Randy reported that Aida Mancillas is serving as the Commission's liaison to the Port's committee on placement of the Bernar Venet sculpture exhibition on the waterfront.

He also reported that the Commission staff is coordinating a meeting of the Southern California Public Art Coalition to be held on March 14, 2008. He said that the Port of San Diego staff will provide one hour art tours as part of the day's agenda and that Commissioners are welcome to attend. The meeting will be held in the new downtown Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego Jacobs building.

Randy announced that the "Call for Artists" for the Bayside Fire Station yielded 55 responses from California artists. He said there will be a two-part artist selection process - Part 1 will be held on Friday, February 29, 2008 and Part II will be held on Friday, March 7, 2008.

Randy called on Victoria Reed to give Courtney Ann Coyle's report, in her absence, on Port-related public art updates. Victoria reported that Chair Colette Carson Royston sent a letter, on behalf of the Commission, to Port Commission Chair Mike Bixler congratulating him on his new appointment and thanked him for taking a leadership role in developing San Diego's public art offerings, specifically the Coronado bridge lighting project.

**V. DIVERSITY INITIATIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Victoria Hamilton gave the report for Lew Klein in his absence. Victoria gave an update on the planning for the next Diversity workshop to be held on March 7, 2008, 1:00-5:30 p.m. at the 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue Theatre, which will include a performance by Mo'olelo Performing Arts Company of "Permanent Collection" followed by a facilitated discussion.

**VI. CREATIVE SAN DIEGO COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Bennett Peji reported on the Creative San Diego Committee's discussion on the budget and marketing for the Commission's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration and how the arts and culture community can assist in making San Diego a vibrant city.

**VII. ADVOCACY ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Joyce Gattas reported on the Mayorial/City Council candidate briefing that was held on February 12, 2008. She thanked the San Diego Regional Arts and Culture Coalition for planning the event. She said that questionnaires were also sent out to the candidates which will be posted online.

She also gave a brief update on the format for the FY2007 Community & Economic Impact Report that is being finalized and being prepared for distribution in March 2008.

## **VIII. VISIBILITY UPDATE**

Claire Anderson reported that Lorin Stewart was appointed Chair of the Regional Chamber of Commerce's Arts, Business & Culture (ABC) Committee. Lorin gave an update on the vision for the committee including discussion around the California Data Project, Economic and Community Impact Report and the importance of the arts in attracting businesses to San Diego.

Claire gave an overview of the nomination criteria for the Chamber's ABC Small Business Award and announced that the nomination forms will be released soon. The deadline for submission is April 4, 2008. She announced that the awards luncheon will be held on Wednesday, May 28, 2008.

Claire announced that the March 21, 2008 regular Commission meeting will be held at the Scripps Ranch Library.

Claire asked Gary Margolis to give a brief update on the focus group meeting that was held on February 5, 2008 to discuss the Commission's acknowledgement policy. He said that a report will be made to the Policy Committee and then forwarded to the Commissioners for direction and/or policy decisions.

## **IX. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comment was made by:

1. April Boling, candidate for Council District 7.
2. Marti Emerald, candidate for Council District 7.

## **X. ADJOURN COMMISSION MEETING**

Chair Colette Carson Royston adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

## **GUESTS:**

Councilmember Jim Madaffer  
April Boling  
Marti Emerald